Coastal Security Scheme

709. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Competent Authority had approved a Coastal Security Scheme recently;

(b) if so, the details including the number of coastal police stations to be set up under the scheme, State-wise, category-wise;

(c) whether Competent Authority of Kerala had submitted a proposal for locating, National Marine Police Academy under the above scheme in Kerala; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATIV. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Statement is laid on the Table of the House *{See* below).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Government of Kerala has submitted a proposal to establish National Marine Police Training Institute in Kerala. They have been informed that the proposal of Marine Training Institute is still at a conceptual stage and hence the proposal of the State Government will be considered at appropriate stage.

Statement

State-wise and category-wise details including the number of coastal police stations to be set up under the Coastal Security Scheme

A comprehensive Coastal Security Scheme was approved in January, 2005 for implementation over a five-year period commencing 2005-06. This scheme, based on the recommendations of the Group of Ministers on 'Reforming the National Security System', was formulated after consultations with all agencies concerned, including State Governments.

The Coastal Security Scheme aims at enhancing coastal vigilance by strengthening infrastructure for patrolling and surveilance of the coastal areas and is being implemented in the 9 coastal States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal as well as in the 4 Union Territories of Daman, & Diu, Lakshadweep, Punducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Under the Scheme, 73 coastal police stations *{Viz.* Gujarat (10), Maharashtra (12), Goa (3), Karnataka (5), Kerala (8), Tamil Nadu (12), Andhra Pradesh (6), Orissa (5), West Bengal (6), and Puducherry (1), Lakshadweep (4) and Daman & Diu (1)} have been approved. In addition, 97 check posts, 58 outputs and 30 operational barracks have also been approved. The Police Stations will be equipped with 204 vessels fitted with modern navigational and maritime equipment. 153 jeeps and 312 motorcycles have also been approved. A lump sum assistance of Rs. 10 lakhs per police station has also been approved for computers and equipments, etc.

The approved five-year outlay for the Scheme is Rs. 400 crores for non-recurring expenditure and Rs. 151 crores for recurring expenditure on fuel, maintenance and repairs of vessels and training of personnel.